

City of Creswell
Energy Conservation Policies
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LCDC Goal #13: *To conserve energy.*

Draft City Goal: Land and uses shall be managed and standards developed so as to maximize the conservation of all forms of energy based upon sound economic principles.

Policy 1. The City shall pursue and make a priority the investigation, development, and use of renewable energy resources by both the public and private sectors in order to reduce the community's immediate and long-range need to import energy.

Policy 2. Support and encourage energy conservation and efficiency programs including:

- a. Utilization of alternative energy sources, such as solar energy.
- b. Creswell Development Code standards, such as compact site development standards, alternative development patterns such as cluster housing and zero lot line development, and energy efficient solar orientation.
- c. Investigate Department of Energy municipal programs and participate as appropriate.

Policy 3. Encourage land use patterns and development plans that take advantage of density and location to reduce the need for travel and dependency on the private automobile, facilitate energy-efficient public transit systems, and permit building configurations that increase the efficiency of energy use.

Policy 4. Support the provision and development of alternative modes of transportation to the automobile, including the development of mass transit and the provision of walkways and bikeways to reduce transportation costs.

Policy 5. Encourage the location of housing, shopping, and employment uses in proximity to each other to reduce travel distances to goods and services.

Policy 6. Help provide alternatives to physical commuting to work by encouraging opportunities for home occupations and telecommuting.

Policy 7. Support insulation and weatherization of existing homes and encourage energy conservation measures in new construction.

Policy 8. Promote energy efficiency in public buildings.

Policy 9. Pursue energy efficient planning in City facilities and operations to the greatest extent practicable in such areas as:

- a. Construction of new City buildings and upgrades of existing facilities;
- b. Purchase of new City vehicles;
- c. The purchases and installation of new operating systems and/or upgrades of existing systems;
- d. Cost-effective use of renewable and decentralized energy sources such as solar space and water heating systems.

Policy 10. Coordinate with state, federal, and local agencies and private utilities concerning energy issues and conservation efforts and encourage cooperation and communication between citizenry and the preceding entities, especially pertaining to service area boundaries and economic development.

Policy 11. The City shall encourage and support community-wide programs for resource recovery and recycling.

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Additional Policies for Consideration Based On Additional Research

Policy 12. Consider purchase of green energy from utility providers.

Policy 13. Support efforts to develop industries that have a relatively high potential for utilizing renewable energy sources or waste heat.